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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER COMMENTS ON EC HIGH LEVEL AD HOC ENERGY
GROUP

ON MARCH 20, PRIME MINISTER THORN TOLD ME THAT HE HAD UN-
SUCCESSFULLY OPPOSED THE RECENT CREATION OF THE EC HIGH
LEVEL AD HOC ENERGY GROUP BECAUSE HE PREFERS THAT ALL INTER-
NATIONAL ENERGY MATTERS, INCLUDING THOSE INVOLVING THE EC,
BE DEALT WITH IN THE IEA AND OECD. THORN ASCRIBED THE
INITIATIVE FOR THE GROUP'S CREATION TO FRG CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT, WHO HOPES THEREBY TO BETTER THE FRENCH PERFORMANCE
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ON COORDINATING ENERGY POLICIES. SCHMIDT ALSO INSISTED

THAT NEITHER THE COREPER NOR THE EC BE GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS ENERGY COORDINATION BUT THAT HIGH CIVIL SERVANTS NOMINATED BY THE NINE CAPITALS BE NAMED TO THE GROUP. THORN SPECULATED THAT THE GROUP WOULD "PROBABLY MEET ONCE OR TWICE AND THEN QUIETLY EVAPORATE" SINCE THE IEA AND OECD ARE THE LOGICAL AND EFFICIENT PLACES FOR THE EC MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THEIR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICIES.FARKAS

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